

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, snow melt, and ice jams on December 10–31, 2003.

February 6

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to express his condolences to the Russian people concerning the terrorist attack on the Moscow subway earlier in the day. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President had a meeting with Charles Duelfer, head of the Iraq Survey Group. Later, with Chairman N. Gregory Mankiw of the Council of Economic Advisers, he signed the 2004 Economic Report.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Reston, VA, where he received a briefing on counterterrorism efforts at the National Targeting Center. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Chairman Gyude Bryant of Liberia at the White House on February 10.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dionel M. Aviles to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas B. Robertson to be Ambassador to Slovenia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Enrique J. Sosa to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak).

The President announced his intention to appoint Pamela Dorwarth, Denis Pratt, and Gary Leonard Talbot as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations

to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 2

Isaac Fulwood, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the U.S. Parole Commission for a term of 6 years, vice Michael Johnston Gaines, resigned.

William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2006, vice H. Terry Rasco, term expired.

William T. Hiller, of Ohio, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2006 (reappointment).

Juan R. Olivarez, of Michigan, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2006 (reappointment).

Maria Otero, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007 (reappointment).

Richard Kenneth Wagner, of Florida, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2006, vice Robin Morris, term expired.

Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, vice William Gerry Myers III, resigned.

Raymond L. Finch, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of 10 years (reappointment).

Submitted February 3

Craig A. Kelly, of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chile.

Jerald S. Paul,
of Florida, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration (new position).

Matthew G. Whitacker,
of Iowa, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of 4 years, vice Steven M. Colloton, resigned.

Submitted February 5

Mark Falcoff,
of California, to be a member of the National Security Education Board for a term of 4 years, vice Cornelius P. O'Leary, term expired.

Submitted February 6

Dionel M. Aviles,
of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, vice Susan Morrissey Livingstone, resigned.

Charles W. Pickering, Sr.,
of Mississippi, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, vice Henry A. Politz, retired, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Thomas Bolling Robertson,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of Management and Budget Director Josh Bolten on the FY 2005 budget

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan

Fact sheet: President Bush's FY 2005 Budget

Fact sheet: Making Life Better for America's Consumers

Released February 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released February 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released February 5

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maine

Fact sheet: Protecting America's Seaports and Securing Cargo Shipments

Released February 6

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Chairman of the National Transitional Government of Liberia Gyude Bryant

Statements by the Cochairmen of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction

Fact sheet: Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction

Fact sheet: 112,000 Americans Find Work in January—Unemployment Rate Below Average Level of 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.